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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.—We cannot publish free, long obituary notices, resolutions of respect, etc. We charge a small amount to cover cost of setting up. Short notices will be published free.

MR. DIXON'S LETTER.

It was partially promised our readers last week that we would publish Mr. Dixon's letter, criticizing Col. Slem, in full this week. After thinking the matter over, we have decided not to do so for two reasons, one is we lack space as the letter is long, and the other is, the letter was a severe criticism, reflecting upon the integrity of an old man, who is not as clear headed as he once was, perhaps, and this, added to his inexperience in law making, etc. renders his blunders and slips somewhat excusable. The load is on the head of the party which Mr. Slem represents, and let them carry it. Perhaps Mr. Slem did as well as should have been expected when it is considered how many hungry pie-hunters were pulling at his official skirts, and clamoring for a seat at the pie counter. If there is one thing that a ravenous, practical, political pie hunter likes better than pie it is more pie, and there seldom allotted to one small congressman to go around, particularly if said Congressman's family circle happens to be a wide one. Mr. Slem, according to Mr. Dixon, has had in mind his pie-distribution, that scriptural declaration, "he that provideth not for his own, and especially those of his own household, hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." After Mr. Slem had made liberal provision for those of his own household "he gave what was left to his own," the hungry ones outside.

WEEDING THEM OUT.

As the poll tax lists are completed, and the lists of voters made up it can but be gratifying to find that the poll books will not contain hereafter the names of many "floating" voters, who, at every election, were always on the block, and up for the highest bidder. While it is true, there are some good men who cannot vote by reason of prohibitive constitutional provisions, this misfortune is more than offset by a large number excluded, who heretofore voted without knowing or caring anything in the world for the government whose laws they helped to dictate. The floating, corruptible vote is being eliminated, and the reins of government placed in the hands of an electorate, who at least know what they are doing.

A number of these excluded voters from both political parties could have easily gotten on the rolls by paying their poll tax, but preferred to keep the \$1.50 and not vote at all. When it is recalled that this poll tax goes into the treasury of the public schools, no sympathy is felt for these excluded voters, who, as a rule, could easily have gotten on the list by paying the small tax of \$1.50. Men who do not feel this much interest in the public schools and the education of their children, do not merit any special privileges at the hands of the government. The only property, so to speak, many of the voters on the old lists possess is children, and if they are not willing to pay as much as \$1.50 for their children's welfare, then, why should they vote at all?

Col. Slem goes into this campaign with burdens on shoulders, one of which is, the reckless and open shameful purchasing of votes through Mr. Sloan, of Scott County. If the charge is not true, and if Sloan did not fraudulently and unlawfully pay the poll taxes of 400 voters in Scott county, as charged by the Gate City Herald, why don't some body come out and say so? If the charge has ever been denied or explained the denial or explanation has not reached this section, so far as we have seen.

One of the oldest and most interesting papers coming to this office is the Baltimore-Richmond Christian Advocate. The young Methodist ministers, and other public speakers and writers have, in Dr. Lafferty's editorials the very finest examples of terse and beautiful english. The Advocate has a wide circulation in Virginia, as it deserves to have.

The Democratic Candidate.

It is now a settled fact that the Hon. Joseph C. Wyser will be the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Ninth Congressional District. He was the only person who filed an application with the District Committee to become a candidate, and will, therefore, be proclaimed the candidate, as was done with Judge Rhea two years ago.

Mr. Wyser is an able lawyer, eloquent speaker and honorable gentleman; but his political convictions are not in accord with those held by a large majority of the voters of the district, and he can hardly be elected as its representative in Congress. His candidacy, however, gives promise of improved election methods. If he is the man he is reputed to be, and we believe him to be, the Republicans will not have to contend with the fraudulent methods that were employed in the last three Congressional elections in this district. We take it for granted that he would not desire to hold a seat in Congress obtained by such fraudulent devices as the Scott county ballot. In fact we have heard him express his disgust for that and the similar ballots that were used in the election of 1900.—Tazewell Republican.

The above complimentary notice of Mr. Wyser is just, and will be appreciated no doubt, by Mr. Wyser. But it would have lost none of its force if the allusion to "fraudulent methods that were employed in the last three Congressional elections in this district," had been omitted. In view of the recent exposures in Scott County, the question may well be asked if Col. Slem will consent to occupy a seat in Congress if elected by the 400 voters in Scott County, whose poll taxes were paid by Mr. Sloan, with somebody's money, in violation of the Constitution and the Barksdale law, both in letter and spirit? The Scott County ballot does not merit mention in the same generation with the Scott County poll tax matter, as charged, and it has never been denied so far as we have seen.

The poll tax list just completed, shows that the Democrats of the county have paid their taxes generally. Only a few were left out, and some of these overlooked the date, etc., and no fund was furnished by any aspirant for office to pay these taxes either.

The Thompson Valley road case, which has been pending in the Courts here since last fall, has been withdrawn, and the road will not be built, at least for some time yet.

Hon. J. C. Wyser will open his campaign in Tazewell on the 4th Monday in August—Court day. He will speak in the Court House.

Work of Democracy.

Gov. Frazer of Tennessee, in accepting the renomination for the office, expressed some noble truths that would apply with equal force to all the Southern States. Among other things he said:

Before the Democratic party came into power, when the state was under republican rule, it was bowed down in poverty and ashes, its credit gone and its treasury empty. A debt of appalling magnitude weighing down the people hampered their industrial progress. The flower of the state's manhood was disfranchised and denied a voice in the government of their own affairs, while ignorance and vice held sway and squandered the money and trampled upon the rights of the people. Under Democratic rule these ills have been cured, these wrongs have been righted. The debt of nearly \$40,000,000 bequeathed to us by the Republican party was adjusted and settled upon terms fair alike to the creditors and the people. Under laws wisely passed by the Democratic party a sinking fund was created by which the principal of the debt is being paid with reasonable rapidity. The credit of the state has been restored, until today, in the money markets of the world, the credit of Tennessee stands among the first of the states of the Union.

Every editor has received them says an exchange. The postmaster sends them to the editor. The editor is not to blame. For instance, there is a man by the name of—well, say Tim Short—who sent up three notices to stop his paper. He did not want it any longer, wondered what was the matter. Upon investigating our subscription book we found that Tim was short \$2.70. He had never paid a cent and yet he stepped his paper as a matter of economy to us. A few evenings ago we stepped into the church, and Tim's melodious voice ran out loud and clear in the old soul-stirring song, "Jesus paid it all." We might have been mistaken, but his earnestness impressed us. The next day we sent him a receipt, in full, begging his pardon for not knowing that he had made an assignment to the Lord.

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THE POLL

TAX LIST

Every voter of the County Interested.

The poll tax list has just been completed by the Treasurer, Mr. Brittain, and shows that 2878 citizens of the county have paid their poll taxes for 1903, divided as follows:

Clear Fork District, white 1017 col. 79
Jeffersonville " " 865 " 45
Maiden Spring " " 866 " 6

Total 2748 139

Total white and colored 2878

The law requires that the Clerk of the county shall post a copy of this list at every voting place in the county within the next thirty days.

If you are a registered voter, examine this list, as posted at your voting place, and if your name is not on the list you cannot vote, unless you are an old soldier. If you have paid your poll tax and have registered your name should appear on this list. If for any reason it does not so appear you have the right within 30 days, to apply to the Circuit Court and have the treasurer record your name on the list, without cost to you.

Remember, however, that you may have paid your poll tax, and your name be on this list, and still you may not be registered, and not able, therefore, to vote.

You cannot vote unless you are registered, and in order to register you must have paid your poll tax, comply with other provisions of the law requisite to registration.

Don't forget—the payment of the poll tax is not the only qualification for voting by a whole lot.

Death of Mrs. Sayers.

Mrs. Mary Sayers, wife of Alex. Sayers, died last Saturday night, at her home, South of town. The body was taken Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the old cemetery, Revs. C. B. Bustin and J. N. Harman conducting the service.

Mrs. Sayers had not been in good health for some time. She gave birth to a child on Wednesday night which preceded its mother to the grave only a few hours.

Mrs. Sayers was a consistent member of the Christian church, and has been for years. She was 38 years old and leaves six children, the youngest of whom she requested be given to Dr. Mayhew, of the Children's Home Society, of Richmond.

Driven to Desperation.

Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in Burns, Cuts, Wounds, Ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth 25c at Jackson's drug store.

Angora Goats.

I have read E. P. H. article in your issue of the 1st inst., and am glad to see it, and I think very good in many respects, but he has a large market for the mohair which he speaks of and which is only the price of wool. I have the pure-bred Angora goats, have had them three years, and have received forty cents per pound for my first crop of clips, which were about 12 inches long. This year's clip was taken the first week in May and was only 8 inches and very fine. The clip produced 1 1/2 pounds of mohair and the 7 pounds, double what they produced last year. Sent my first two clips to the Standard Mills Manufactory, Sanford, Me. Expect to receive more for this year's clip. I feed my goats corn and oats, with good hay and bluegrass, run during the day. Last year I sent my herd to my neighbors for feed and they did exceedingly well on the large there. Last year I was not sufficient to feed them and I was obliged to bring them home. Their natural feed is found in the mountains. Last fall I had my weather in to the butcher and received the hides. The meat was pronounced exceedingly fine, very fine for venison. The hides I sent to the Crossfield Fur Co., Rochester, N. Y., and had made into robes, rugs and mittens which are very nice. A National Stockman and Farmer. Angus Trout.

Care of Throat.

Mr. Alex. Sayers desires to thank his friends for the kindness shown him in his recent great bereavement, particularly Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Peery, for their willingness to allow him to use their place, and to help him in his affliction.

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THEY DRAW COLOR LINE AT ST. LOUIS

Restaurants at World's Fair Display Anti-Negro Signs—President Frances Acts.

St. Louis, Mo., June 2.—President Frances and the other officials of the World's Fair were greatly disturbed to-day by a color line which has been drawn firmly through the exposition. They are seriously considering the constructing of a small building for the reception of negroes and the employment of Anna M. Curtis, a colored woman of education and address, as its hostess.

World's Fair restaurants are displaying anti-negro signs. A prominent negro to-day complained to the World's Fair officials that a pike restaurant had just posted conspicuously a big sign inscribed "No colored people served in this restaurant."

Another complaint was received from a party of negroes who had been refused permission to drop a cent in the slot, as white people do, for a glass of water. When questioned, the water company officials stated that they could not sell water to colored people without ruining their trade with white people. An exposition official to-day suggested that negroes be served from special tanks and glasses.

An Old Citizen Dead.

Mr. John Baylor, one of Tazewell's oldest citizens, died at his home at Paint Lick last Friday night, and was buried on Sunday. He was in the 85th year of his age.

Mr. Baylor was the father of Mrs. W. B. Ward, of Paint Lick, Dr. W. E. Baylor, the well-known physician of Cedar Bluff, and Mr. J. E. Baylor, a leading merchant at Graham.

His long life was spent chiefly in Tazewell. He was a prominent citizen and, a life long, consistent member of the Methodist church. His standing was high among his neighbors. The heritage he leaves his children of a Godly life surpasses worldly riches.

Y. M. C. A. Meetings.

Mr. L. A. Coulter, State Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, will hold special services here tomorrow and Sunday. Following is the program: Meeting for the public, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, Christian church. Men's meeting, Sunday, 3 p. m., Presbyterian church. Union meeting for the public, Sunday, 8 p. m., Methodist church. Addresses by leaders in Y. M. C. A. work will be made. An interesting and profitable time is expected.

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The first contest will be on the July 4th attendance at the St. Louis World's Fair; the second relates to *Total Vote For President* to be cast Nov. 8, 1904. \$20,000.00 will be distributed in each of these contests, making \$40,000.00 on the two, and, to make it still more interesting, in addition to this amount, we will give a

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1 First Prize	\$2,500.00
2 Second Prizes	1,000.00
3 Prizes—\$500.00 each	1,500.00
4 Prizes—200.00 " "	800.00
5 Prizes—100.00 " "	500.00
10 Prizes—50.00 " "	500.00
20 Prizes—20.00 " "	400.00
50 Prizes—10.00 " "	500.00
100 Prizes—5.00 " "	500.00
2130 PRIZES,	TOTAL, \$20,000.00

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What will be the total Popular Vote cast for President (votes for all candidates combined) at the election November 8, 1904? Is 1900 election, 13,559,553 people voted for President. For nearest correct estimates received in Woolson Spice Co.'s office, Toledo, O., on or before Nov. 5, 1904, we will give first prize for the nearest correct estimate, second prize to the next nearest, etc., etc., as follows:

1 First Prize	\$2,500.00
2 Second Prizes	1,000.00
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